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SUBJ: UNIVERSITIES MAY REOPEN SEPTEMBER 2

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, A NOTICE FROM UNIVERSITY OF GHANA ASKS STUDENTS TO RETURN TO CAMPUS SEPTEMBER 2 TO PREPARE FOR EXAMINATIONS SEPTEMBER 12THROUGH 30. NOTICE ALSO ASKS THAT ACADEMIC STAFF BE AT POSTS BY SEPTEMBER 15 AND THAT HEADS OF DEPARTMENT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPERVISION OF EXAMINATIONS.

2. COMMENT: VICE RECTOR TOLD CHARGE AUGUST 3 THAT NATIONAL UNION OF GHANA STUDENTS (NUGS) IS SPLIT ON QUESTION OF WHETHER STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN TO CAMPUS AND SIT FOR EXAMINATIONS, AS GOG AND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION DESIRE. NUGS WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN VIEWS OF LEGON, KUMASI AND CAPE COAST STUDENTS BEGINNING AUGUST 5 AND WILL PRESUMABLY REACH DECISION SOME TIME THEREAFTER ON WHAT ACTION TO TAKE. ACCORDING TO VICE RECTOR, FACULTY IS ALSO SPLIT, BUT MEDICAL STUDENTS SEEM FIRMLY OPPOSED TO GOING BACK. AT THIS POINT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHETHER UNIVERSITIES WILL REOPEN ON SCHEDULE, BUT OUR GUESS IS THAT THEY PROBABLY WILL AND THAT STUDENTS WILL FINISH EXAMINATIONS IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE WHOLE YEAR'S CREDIT. IN THIS CASE, AFTER EXAMINATIONS UNIVERSITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO CLOSE
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FOR MOST OF OCTOBER IN PREPARATION FOR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER. IF STUDENTS DECIDE TO PROTEST AGAINST SMC, THEY COULD DO SO MOST CONVENIENTLY DURING OCTOBER RECESS.
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